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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: SHOWA CORPORATION) Examiner: SCHWARTZ

Serial Number: 10/636080) Art Unit: 3683

Filed: 08/07/2003)

For: BOTTOM VALVE APPARATUS OF HYDRAULIC SHOCK)
ABSORBER)

Docket Number: 13547)

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

20 December 2005

Sir:

This communication is in response to your Office Action dated 20 September 2005, having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire 20 December 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed on 20 December 2005.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown in the section entitled Claim Amendments.